Teaching Latin

Valē! Teaching Latin at home is extremely valuable for your students but may seem like a difficult task. Where should you begin? The Internet has many resources available to help with the study of Latin, ranging from web sites with quizzes and exams for Latin students to online study groups. There are also grammar aids and study guides available in print form. Your children may find their study of the language enhanced with children’s classics like The Cat in the Hat translated into Latin. Perhaps you may want to investigate Patrick Henry College’s Distance Learning program for Latin I and II. The resources listed below may help you find a Latin curriculum for your homeschool or ways to augment your study of the Latin language. Bonam fortunam!

Textbook Series

Wheelock’s Latin
Frederick M. Wheelock and Richard La Fleur
Harper Resource
* The 40 chapters of this book cover Latin grammar from its basics to complex grammatical structures. Each lesson includes sentences for practice and review as well as select sentences from ancient authors such as Virgil and Ovid to be translated. The book contains self-tutorial exercises for each chapter as well as an answer key. Wheelock’s also has a companion workbook available to reinforce the material of each chapter.*

Jenney’s Latin
Charles Jenney
Prentice Hall
* A grammar-based Latin program which includes material about Roman culture. Jenney’s is a four year program, with a focus on grammatical structure in the first two years and on classical authors in the final two.*

Henle’s Latin
Robert J. Henle and S. J. Henle
Loyola Press
* Written by Father Henle, a Jesuit, this course uses a traditional approach to the language including vocabulary and grammar exercises. There are four texts as well as the Latin Grammar which Henle wrote to accompany the coursework. Readings include material on both Roman and American history and contrast Christian and pagan world views from a Catholic perspective.*

Latin is Fun
John C. Traupman
Amsco School Publications, Inc.
* A two-book series designed as an introduction to the Latin language. It uses an inductive approach to learning, meaning that grammar and vocabulary are meant to be assimilated through reading Latin. Professor Traupman does, however, give grammatical explanations and work with pictures to convey meaning. The book includes activities to go with the lessons and periodic review units.*
**Lingua Latina**
John C. Traupman
Amsco School Publications, Inc.
* Taking a deductive, grammatical approach to Latin, *Lingua Latina* systematically presents the language in 26 chapters. The lessons are reinforced through various activities including reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Traupman uses stories from ancient Rome conveying a sense of Roman history and legend to the student.

**Latina Christiana**
Cheryl Lowe
Memoria Press
* This series presents Latin from a Christian perspective including prayers and songs for study. It is particularly suited for the involvement of the parent in the language-learning process with important grammatical concepts presented in the teacher’s manual to be taught to the student. Lessons are accompanied by grammar, vocabulary, translation, and derivative exercises. The second book in the series relies on the vocabulary learned in the first and moves at a more accelerated pace. The author recommends moving from *Latina Christiana I and II* into *Henle Latin I.*

**Latin Course for Schools**
L. A. Wilding
Duckworth Publishing
* This is a text written in the 1940’s by a distinguished classicist for use with school children. There are three books in this series and they feature mythological stories and selections from the history of Roman Britain. The Latin is very accurate and idiomatic, nearly all based on leading classical authors.

**Minimus**
Barbara Bell
Cambridge University Press
* This is a fairly recent, and very popular, children’s text with cartoon characters and simple explanations of complicated concepts. Like Wilding’s text, the scholarship is impeccable.

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**Print Resources**

**Teaching Helps**

**Latin I and II Course Manuals**
http://direct.mbsbooks.com/phc.htm
*Written by Dr. David Noe to accompany PHC’s Distance Learning Course using *Wheelock’s*. Click on “Buy Course Materials” and select Latin I or II to purchase.

**New Latin Grammar**

**Latin Grammar Quick Study Chart**

**38 Latin Stories**
*Designed to supplement *Wheelock’s Latin*.

**A Comprehensive Guide to Wheelock’s Latin**

**Latin Grammar**

**Farrago Latina**
**Latin Literature**
*A high level encyclopedia of Latin literature and history*

**The Founders and the Classics: Greece, Rome, and the American Enlightenment**

**Rummy Roots**
*Greek and Latin roots used commonly in the English language*

**More Roots**
Eternal Hearts, 1994

**Children’s Books**

**Winnie Ille Pu: A Latin Version of A.A. Milne’s Winnie-The-Pooh**

**Winnie Ille Pu Semper Ludet (The House At Pooh Corner)**

**Cattus Petastus: The Cat in the Hat in Latin**

**Quomodo Invidiosulus Nomine Grinchus Christi Natalem Abrogaverit: The Grinch Stole Christmas**

**Virent Ova! Viret Perna!! Green Eggs and Ham in Latin**

**Arbor Alma (The Giving Tree in Latin)**

**Internet Resources**

**Patrick Henry College Distance Learning**
http://www.phc.edu/distancelearning/default.asp

**Wheelock’s Study Groups**
http://www.ravendays.org/latin/lists/listindex.html

**Wheelock’sLatin.com**
http://www.wheelockslatin.com/index.shtml
*The official Wheelock’s Latin website*

**E.L. Easton Languages online**
http://eleaston.com/latin.html
*Grammar info, exercises, quizzes, tests, reviews of curriculum, etc.*

**Web Resources for High School Latin Teachers**
http://chss2.montclair.edu/classics/webresources/forlatteacher.html

**Little Rome**
http://www.24hourlatin.com/
*Educational website with information on the Latin language and Roman culture*

**Latinteach.com**
http://www.latinteach.com/index.html
*Resources for Latin teachers*
Memoria Press
http://www.memoriapress.com/articles/start_latin.html
* Chart of what curriculum they recommend to use when *

Bolchazy-Carducci Resources
* Index of Latin resources *

Powells.com
* Various Latin print resources *

The National Latin Exam
http://www.nle.org/
* A national exam for students of Latin *

Penguin Classics
http://us.penguinclassics.com/
* Quality translations of classics available for purchase *

Loeb Classical Library
http://www.hup.harvard.edu/loeb/
* English translations of classics from Harvard University Press *

Latin Texts

University of Virginia's Electronic Text Center
http://etext.virginia.edu/latin/latin/

The Perseus Digital Library
http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/cache/perscoll_Greco-Roman.html

Washingtonii Vita, by Francis Glass
http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/PR/washington.ann.html
* Latin text on the life of George Washington *

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